

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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To: Stakeholders and Interested Parties

IRRIGATED LANDS CONDITIONAL WAIVER PROGRAM: 2007 REVIEW OF MONITORING DATA

The Revised Draft of the 2007 Review of Monitoring Data for the Irrigated Lands Conditional Waiver Program (Review) presents the first region-wide assessment of data collected for the Irrigated Lands Program (ILP) since its inception in 2003. The monitoring data was obtained from several sources, including: coalition groups; individual dischargers; Water Board contracts (Phases I and II) with the University of California; the Water Board Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP), and a limited amount of staff monitoring.

To facilitate assessment and discussion of the monitoring results, the Central Valley Region was conceptually divided into four zones, based on differences described in the Review Introduction. The Review is organized into the following sections:

Executive Summary Section I. Introduction

Section II. Zone Data Summaries

Zone 1-Sacramento River Watershed

Zone 2-Portions of the San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Calaveras, and Mokelumne watersheds and the Delta region

Zone 3-San Joaquin River Watershed

Zone 4-Tulare Lake Basin

Section III. Closing Summary

Attachments A and B

The Review synthesizes a large amount of monitoring data. A preliminary draft of the monitoring data tables and maps was distributed to coalition groups and individual dischargers within each zone for review. Subsequent meetings were held with these parties to discuss the details and corrections were made as appropriate. A draft of the report was then distributed to a broad group of Stakeholders on 13 June 2007, and two weeks were provided as a comment period.

The revised draft of the Review incorporates changes based on comments, and is posted on the ILP website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/programs/irrigated_lands/index.html#Monitoring

Also posted are the comments that were received and the staff responses to comments.

A program update to discuss the Review will be presented to the Central Valley Water Board at a workshop scheduled for 2 August 2007.

If you have any questions about the scheduled workshop, please contact Susan Fregien at sfregien@waterboards.ca.gov.

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